Magnolia Online

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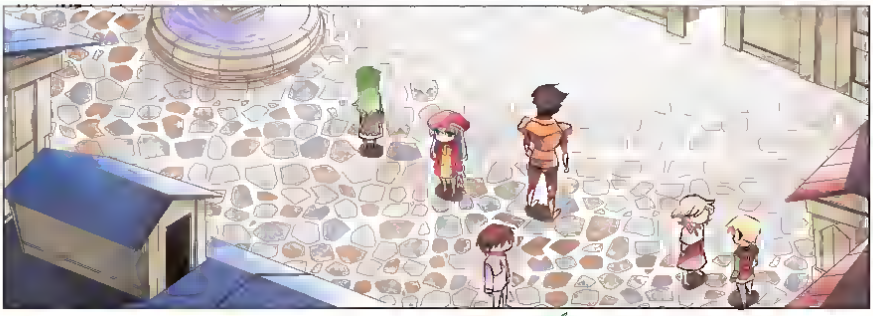
WHAT AWAITS US INSIDE THIS DOOR, IS THE BEGINNING OF A VERY CLASSIC ADVENTURE.
THE ADVENTURE OF A STRONG, POWERFUL, AND BEAUTIFUL HEROINE.
AND THIS IS... HER.
HMN?
WHADDAYA WANT?

THIS GIRL GOES BY THE ONLINE HANDLE, "VANILLA", AND SHE IS THE HEROINE OF THE ADVENTURE THAT STARTS TODAY, INSIDE THE MMORPG, MAGNOLIA ONLINE!
I REALIZE SHE MIGHT NOT LOOK QUITE LIKE HERO MATERIAL... SHE'S LAZY, SHE NEVER GOES OUTSIDE, AND SHE'S SPENDING HER ENTIRE SUMMER PLAYING VIDEO GAMES INSIDE...
BUT Y KNOW GUYS, JUST WORK WITH IT... PLEASE...
I REALLY DON T KNOW WHATCHA ON ABOUT~ GIRL GAMERS ARE THOUGHT TO BE CHARMING AND HIGHLY SOUGHT AFTER, YA KNOW~
BESIDES, IT'S MY VACATION.

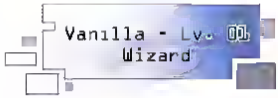
MMMH... YES... PLEASE ROLL WITH IT, READERS...

BESIDES, THIS STORY TAKES PLACE IN A REALM WHERE YOUR REAL LIFE SELF DOES NOT MATTER...

ONLINE...



THERE YOU ARE ALEXANDRA!
AH!, DON'T CALL ME THAT HERE!


Vanilla - Lv. 01
Wizard

OH, BECAUSE OF PRIVACY? MAKES SENSE.
NO, NO. VANILLA SOUNDS COOLER.

IT HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH PRIVACY.

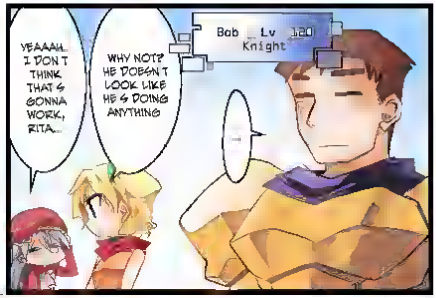
I THOUGHT YOU WERE HIGH LEVEL IN THIS GAME. IT SAYS YOUR CHARACTER IS LEVEL 1.
Vanilla
Wizard

OOOH... THAT'S BECAUSE I MADE A NEW CHARACTER~!

OH, SO THAT WE COULD PLAY TOGETHER? YOU DIDN'T HAVE TO DO THAT!
NONSENSE, NONSENSE~ I WAS THE ONE WHO MADE YOU PLAY THIS GAME, AFTER ALL.

BESIDES... IF I LEVEL UP FIVE CHARACTERS, I CAN OPEN FIVE WINDOWS ON MY PC AND PLAY ALL CHARACTERS AT ONCE. FORMING AN ULTIMATE PARTY!! NYAAAAHAHAHAHAHA~~~~!!!!
THAT SOUNDS KINDA STUPID...

SO, WHATCHA SAY WE GO HUNT MONSTERS!? ALTHOUGH, WE MIGHT WANT AN EXTRA PLAYER FOR THAT...
WE COULD ASK THAT GUY OVER THERE... HE LOOKS STRONG...


YEAAAH... I DON'T THINK THAT'S GONNA WORK, RITA...
WHY NOT? HE DOESN'T LOOK LIKE HE'S DOING ANYTHING
Bob Lv 120
Knight

THAT GUYS NAME IS BOB HE'S ULTRA POWERFUL, BUT NOBODY HAS EVER SEEN HIM DO ANYTHING BUT LOG IN AND GO AFK.

...AND HE PAYS FOR THIS?!
YES. SOR

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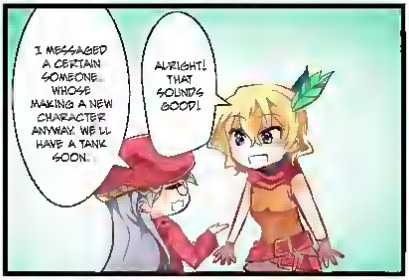
I MESSAGED A CERTAIN SOMEONE... WHOSE MAKING A NEW CHARACTER ANYWAY. WE'LL HAVE A TANK SOON...
ALRIGHT! THAT SOUNDS GOOD!

BY THE WAY... I GET WHY YOU CALLED YOUR CHARACTER VANILLA, BUT WHY WHITE HAIR?
WELL, VANILLA AND WHITE GOES TOGETHER DON'T YOU THINK?

WELL... NOT REALLY I MEAN, VANILLA IS BLACK, YOU KNOW. EVEN IF YOU MEAN THE PLANTS, THOSE ARE GREEN...
AH RITA...

SUCH A COLDHEARTED AND SCIENTIFIC GIRL... NORMALLY ONE WOULD THINK OF ICECREAM WHEN THEY HEAR 'VANILLA.' IT MUST BE SO PAINFUL... I WEEP FOR YOU...
HEY!

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OH YOU ALREADY KNOW HIM
SO WHO IS THIS PERSON YOU KNOW?

WOOSHH!!
HMMM?
DON'T TELL ME IT'S-

URGH
OH MY OH MY OH MY... YOU RECOGNISE ME EVEN INGAME, RITA~?

HI ALLAN
AHHA HAHA~! THAT'S RIGHT! IT IS I, THE GLORIOUSLY WONDERFUL VALERIUS!
I- IT'S VALERIUS...

So then girls, shall we depart on our adventure?~
Hey, Vanilla... why does he look nothing like the other low level knight's? He's our level...
Oh, he buys his stuff in the player store.
Player store?
Check the game menu.
People pay real money for this stuff?!
50% EXP BONUS - 19.99 USD
Berserker's Axe
Princess Gown Costume - 24.99
Striped Panties - 4.99 USD
Yep. Sor
They are siblings, alright...

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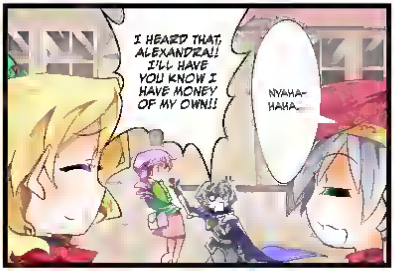
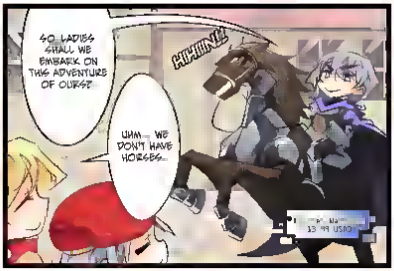
YOUR BROTHER IS KIND OF ODD...
OOH YOU THINK SO? I GUESS HE MIGHT BE SEEN AS ODD BY SOME

HOW CAN HE BUY SO MUCH FROM THE PLAYER STORE ? DOES HE HAVE A JOB?
I THINK HE TOOK MOMS CREDIT CARD


I HEARD THAT, ALEXANDRA!! I'LL HAVE YOU KNOW I HAVE MONEY OF MY OWN!!
NYAHA-HAHA...


SO LADIES SHALL WE EMBARK ON THIS ADVENTURE OF OURS?
UHM... WE DON'T HAVE HORSES...
13.99 USD

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HI!
GREETINGS NEWCOMER. I'M THE MAYOR OF SAINT SELESTIA! WOLVES HAVE BEEN ATTACKING THE CATTLE AROUND THE FIELDS OUTSIDE OF OUR TOWN. IF YOU CAN FIND A WAY TO REMOVE THEM FROM OUR LANDS YOU WILL BE REWARDED!

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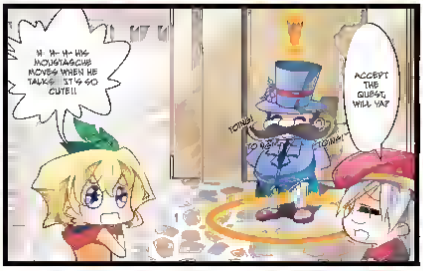
H-H-HIS MOUSTACHE MOVES WHEN HE TALKS! IT'S SO CUTE!!
ACCEPT THE QUEST, WILL YA?

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Zone: Saint Selecta Fields

IT'S... IT'S BEAUTI-FUL...

THE LITTLE RIVERS... THE BEAUTIFUL AND VAST GRASS... THE SKIES... ARE THOSE WINDMILLS? I DON'T KNOW, BUT THEY'RE BEAUTIFU-

WOLFY, WOLFY, WOLFY~~!! DON'T BE SCARED~!! THE ONE WHO FINISHES FIRST WINS!!
NYAHA? YOU WANNA MAKE THIS A COMPETITION, DO YA?!

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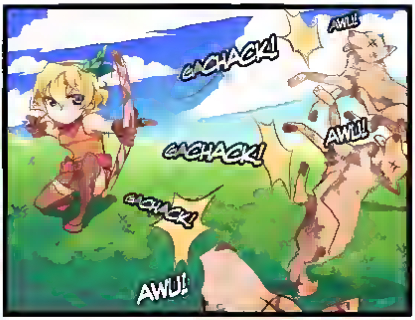
GACHACK!
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AWU!
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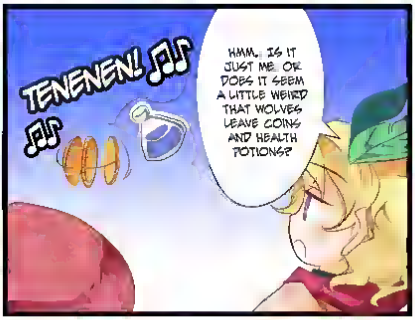
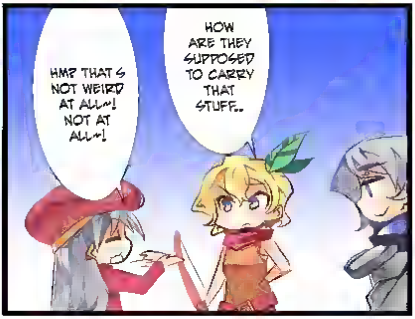
AWU!


TENENEN! ♫♪
♫♪
HMM. IS IT JUST ME OR DOES IT SEEM A LITTLE WEIRD THAT WOLVES LEAVE COINS AND HEALTH POTIONS?


HM? THAT'S NOT WEIRD AT ALL~! NOT AT ALL~!
HOW ARE THEY SUPPOSED TO CARRY THAT STUFF..

FUR POCKETS ...
HUH?

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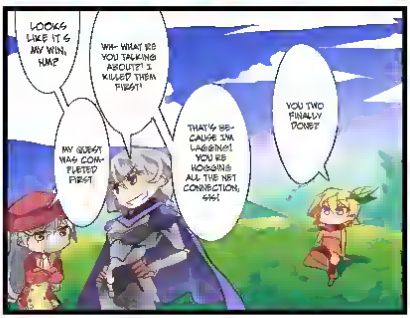
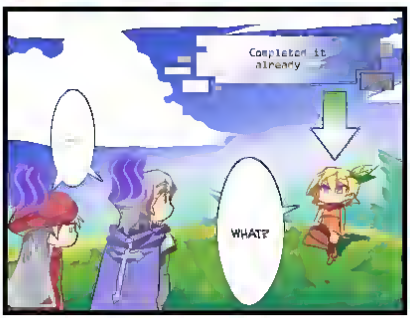
Quest: 10/10
Wolves killed

SLASHHH!
Quest: 10/10
Wolves killed


LOOKS LIKE IT'S MY WIN, HMP
WH- WHAT RE YOU TALKING ABOUT? I KILLED THEM FIRST!
MY QUEST WAS COMPLETED FIRST.
THAT'S BECAUSE I'M LAGGING! YOU RE HOGGING ALL THE NET CONNECTION, SIS!
YOU TWO FINALLY DONE?


Completed it already
WHAT?

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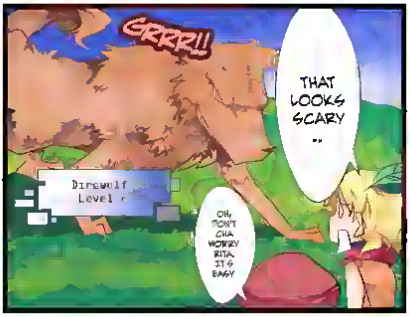
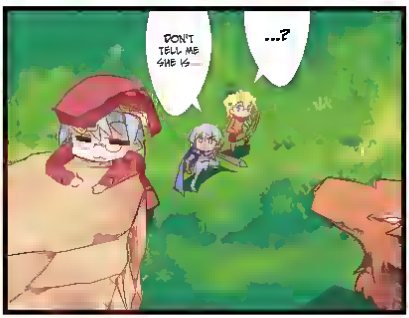
Quest Status
10/10 Wolves killed
0/1 Firewolf killed
WHAT'S A FIREWOLF?
TAKE A LOOK FOR YOURSELF


GRRR!!
THAT LOOKS SCARY ..
Firewolf
Level 1
OH, DON'T CHA WORRY RITA, IT'S EASY


DON'T TELL ME SHE IS...
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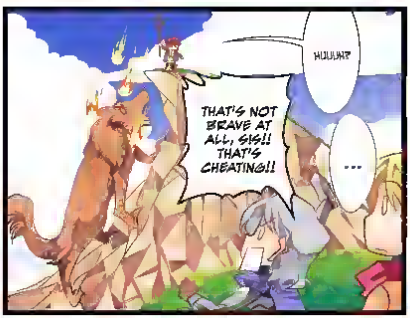
HUUUH?
THAT'S NOT BRAVE AT ALL, SIS!! THAT'S CHEATING!!
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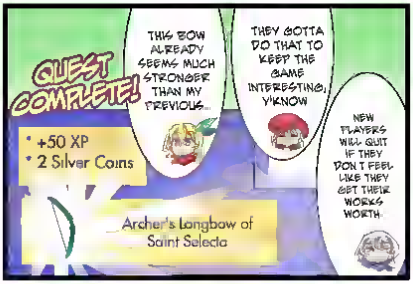
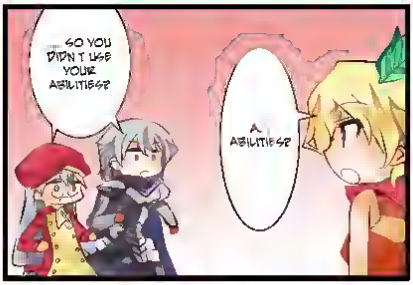
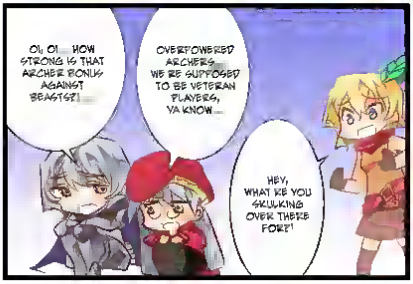

QUEST COMPLETE!
+50 XP
2 Silver Coins
Archer's Longbow of Saint Selecta
THIS BOW ALREADY SEEMS MUCH STRONGER THAN MY PREVIOUS...
THEY GOTTA DO THAT TO KEEP THE GAME INTERESTING, Y'KNOW
NEW PLAYERS WILL QUIT IF THEY DON'T FEEL LIKE THEY GET THEIR WORKS WORTH

I STILL DON'T UNDERSTAND HOW YOU WERE ABLE TO FINISH FASTER THAN US...
SHE WASN'T EVEN PLAYED MMO'S BEFORE THIS
IT'S THAT SURPRISING? I JUST CLICKED ON THEM.


SO YOU DIDN'T USE YOUR ABILITIES?
A ABILITIES?


OI, OI... HOW STRONG IS THAT ARCHER RONIN AGAINST BEASTS?!...
OVERPOWERED ARCHERS... WE'RE SUPPOSED TO BE VETERAN PLAYERS, YA KNOW...
HEY, WHAT'RE YOU SKULKING OVER THERE FOR?!

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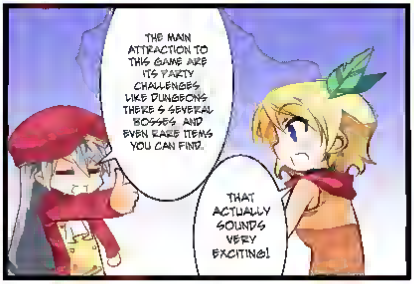
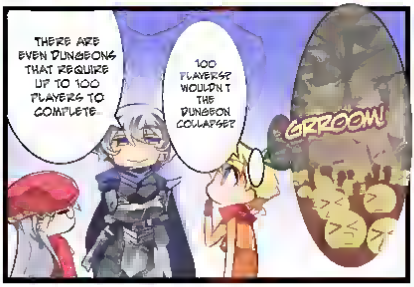
ALRIGHTY, I THINK WE'VE DONE ALL THE QUESTS IN THIS TOWN. WHAT SAY WE GO DO THE DUNGEON, NOW?
ONE DUNGEON? LIKE IN ROLEPLAYING GAMES?


THE MAIN ATTRACTION TO THIS GAME ARE ITS PARTY CHALLENGES LIKE DUNGEONS THERE'S SEVERAL BOSSES AND EVEN RARE ITEMS YOU CAN FIND.
THAT ACTUALLY SOUNDS VERY EXCITING!


THERE ARE EVEN DUNGEONS THAT REQUIRE UP TO 100 PLAYERS TO COMPLETE.
100 PLAYERS? WOULDN'T THE DUNGEON COLLAPSE?
GRROOM!

OOOHOHO-HOHO... YOU'RE THINKING OF A LITERAL DUN-GEON, RITA~!
HYAHAHA... RITA, YOU OLD FASHIONED GIRL...
H- HOW AM I SUPPOSED TO KNOW YOUR GAMING SLANG--?!

Haunted Saint Selecta
Mines 5-Man Dungeon
SOMEONE SHOULD COME BY HERE WITH THE GAME QUEST AS US. WE'LL INVITE THEM.
WE NEED MORE PEOPLE?
YEAH, ALTHOUGH WE'VE RUN IT MANY TIMES AND COULD PROBABLY DO IT WITHOUT 5 PEOPLE WE DO AT LEAST NEED A HEALER.
Vanilla Wizard Lv. 4
Rita Archer Lv. 4
Valerius Knight Lv. 5
HI THERE! ARE YOU GUYS THE ONES LOOKING FOR PARTY MEMBERS?
OH, HELLO!
YEAH, WE ARE
SHE DOESN'T SEEM TOO BAD...
Tenisha Druid Lv. 4
?!
WAIT FOR IT...
IF YOU WOULD BE SO KIND AS TO SEND ME AN INVI-
IZZH!
IZZH!
IZZH!
INVITE!INVITE INVITE!INVITE-INVITE!INVITE-OUCH!!
SILLY INTERNET!!
GOOD THING YOU BOUGHT YOUR ARMOUR WITH REAL MONEY HUH?
IZZH!
IZZH!
IZZH!

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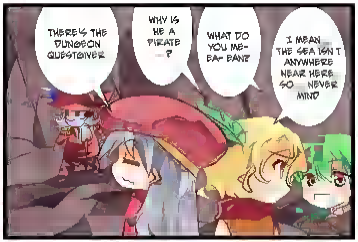
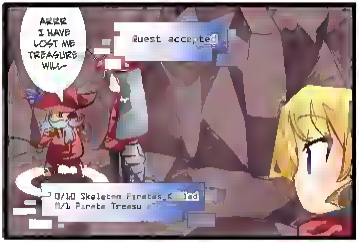
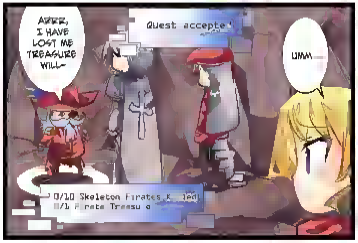

THERE'S THE DUNGEON QUEST DRIVER
WHY IS HE A PIRATE...?
WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY BANE
I MEAN THE SEA ISN'T ANYWHERE NEAR HERE, SO... NEVER MIND


AHHH I HAVE LOST ME TREASURE WILL—
Quest accepted
0/10 Skeleton Pirates K...led
0/1 Pirate Treasu...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H- HEY, AREN'T YOU GOING TO HEAR WHAT HE GAVE BEFORE ACCEPTING THE QUEST?
WHY?

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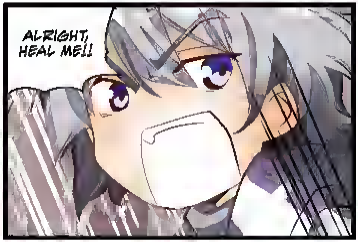
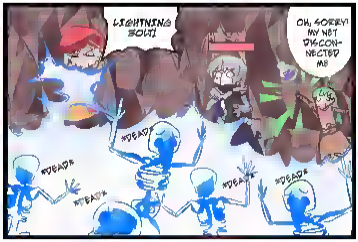
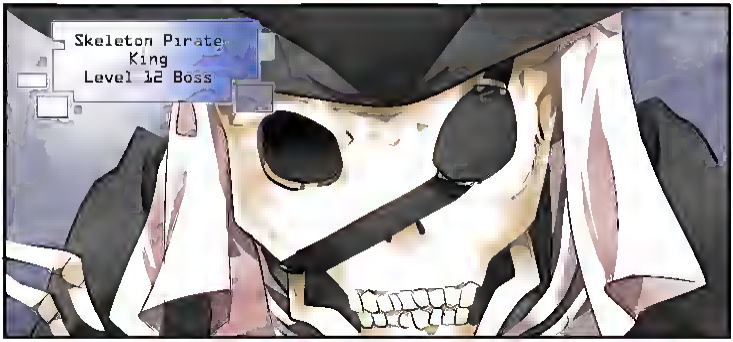
ATK. BOOST


ALRIGHT, HEAL ME!!

H- HEY!! HEAL ME!!
HEY ARE YOU THERE?


LIGHTNING BOLT!
OH, SORRY! MY NET DISCONNECTED ME
WEAK!
WEAK!
WEAK!
WEAK!
WEAK!

ALRIGHTY HERE WE ARE. ARE YA GUYS READY?
THIS IS SO EXCITING! I'M READY!
I'M READY!
...
AH! I'M READY!
ZT~!
SHINNG!!
SHINNG!!


Skeleton Pirate King
Level 12 Boss

WOW, THAT'S A VERY STEREOTYPICAL PIRATE I STILL DON'T KNOW WHY IT HAD TO BE PIRATES.
I'VE HEARD THAT LINE EVERY TIME I'VE MADE A NEW CHARACTER. I DON'T EVEN NOTICE IT ANYMORE
OH WELL, LET'S GET THIS OVER WITH!

IT'S TIME TO MEET YER DOOM YE SCURVY DOGG
THE BOSS IS COMING! I NEED HEALING!
HP: 85%
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...NOT AGAIN...
ZT! ZT! ZT! ZT!
GRAHH!! DIE!!
PANG!
TABITHA!! VALERIUS NEEDS HEALS
HP: 18%

UNG... I WON'T LAST MUCH LONGER...!!
HP: 9,999
PEW!!
PEW!!
PEW!!
HOW DOES HE STILL HAVE THAT HIGH HP?!
...I THINK WE NEEDED AN EXTRA PARTY MEMBER.
YOU'RE SAYING THAT NOW?! WE KENT YOU THE CONFIDENT ONE BEFORE?!
GRAHH!!
SLASHHH!!

SLASH!!!!!

SO THIS IS HOW IT FEELS TO BE DEAD... WELL, I GUESS WE GOTTA JUST TRY AGAIN, HUH
... HUH?
HP: 100%
ZT!~
ZT!~
ZT!~
HP: 100%
OW!~
SHAAA

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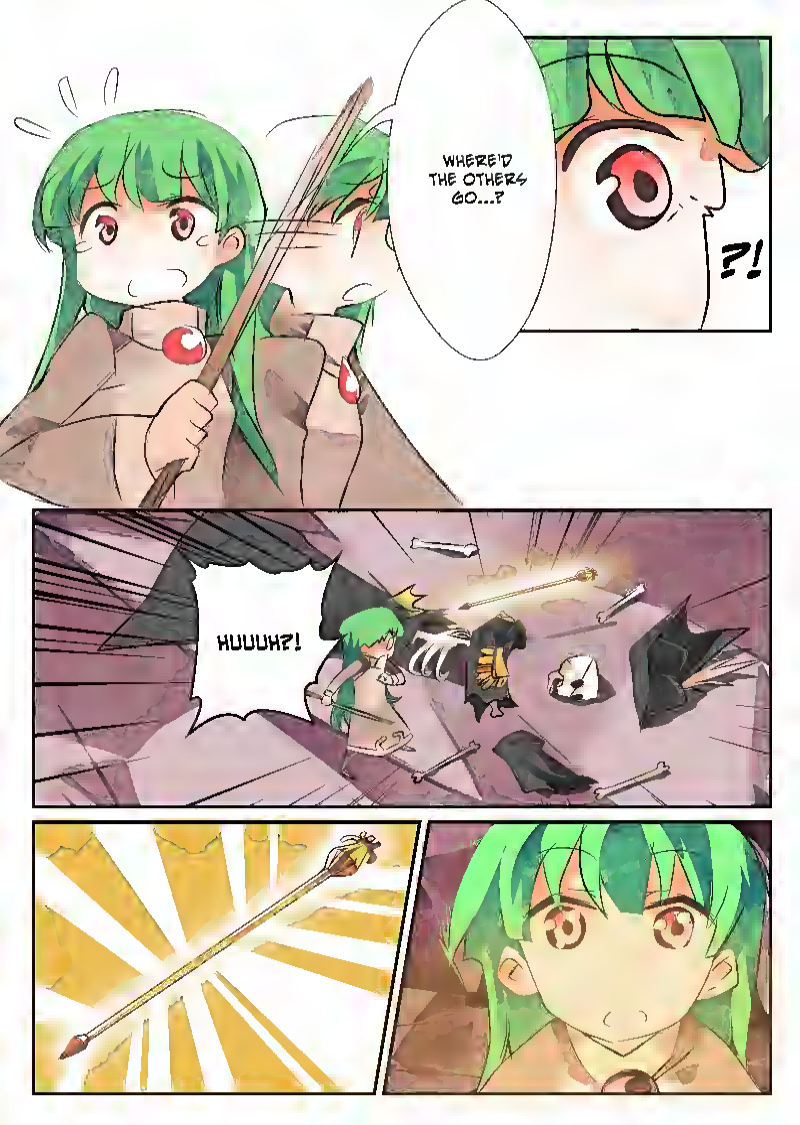
PAW!
GUESS WE MIGHT WIN THIS AFTER ALL.
OOOOH I SEE.
*FREEZE WARNING
WAIT... WHAT?!
WHAT'S GOING ON?
LAGGING SO MUCH THAT THE ATTACKS DON'T REGISTER TO HER CHARACTER.
BUT THE SYSTEM STILL ACCEPTS HER AUTO-ATTACKS, SO SHE'S ABLE TO DAMAGE THE MONSTER ONE HIT AT A TIME.
32 MINUTES LATER...
I WAS JUST RUNNING AROUND THE DUNGEON WONDERING WHY YOU GUYS WEREN'T MOVING.
.. OH SORRY! I THINK MY NET DISCONNECTED ME OR SOMETHING


WHERE'D THE OTHERS GO...?
?!
HUUUH?!

I SUPPOSE...
HNGGGG!
IS IT REALLY ALRIGHT TO LEAVE THAT STAFF FOR THE LAGGY HEALER? DON'T YOU WANT IT?
NAH, I CAN BUY THAT IF I WANT IT. BESIDES DON'TCHA THINK IT WAS A COOL BATTLE?
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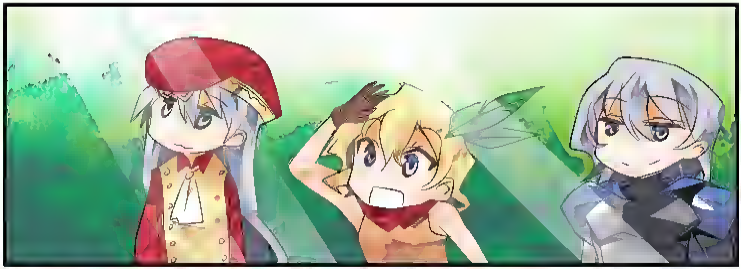

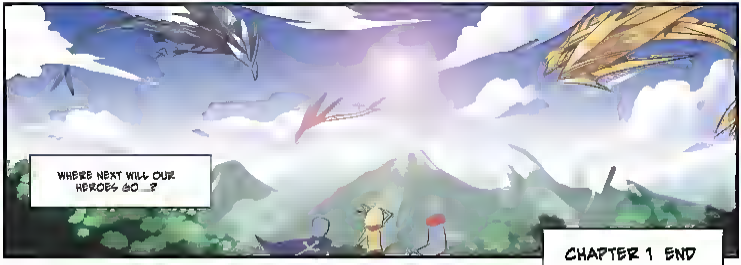
WHERE NEXT WILL OUR HEROES GO...?
CHAPTER 1 END